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Mayor and Council Encourage Families to Clean Out Household Hazards
Service Dept. Sets up Drop Offs for Chemicals, Cleaners, Paints and other
Wastes

(Columbus) Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City Councilmember Patsy Thomas and Public Service Director Henry Guzmán are encouraging Columbus families to make their homes safer by cleaning out their old household hazardous wastes, and giving them to the City for proper disposal. Residents can take advantage of the opportunity to dispose of old batteries, oil- and latex-based paint, used motor oil, household cleaners, anti-freeze, solvents, old BBQ-grill propane tanks, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers, pool chemicals, and insect killers and other pesticides.

"Every year families should take a look at the aging chemicals and cleaners, paints and other wastes that could be stacking up in their basements or garages, because these wastes can pose a real danger to their family," said Mayor Coleman. "We're working to make it more convenient to dispose of the wastes, and encourage everyone to do their part."

The first of three household hazardous waste collections in Columbus will get under way at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, at the Morse Road Refuse Collection Transfer Station, 4260 Morse Road.

"Proper disposal of household hazardous waste is a safety issue for our citizens and for our Refuse workers," said Councilmember Patsy Thomas, who chairs the Utilities Committee, which includes the Division of Refuse Collection in the Department of Public Service. "That's why events like these are so important."

The dates, locations and times of the three Columbus household hazardous waste drop-offs are:

June 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Morse Rd. Transfer Station, 4260 Morse Rd.

August 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Georgesville Rd. Transfer Station, 1550 Georgesville Rd.

September 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alum Creek Dr. Transfer Station, 2100 Alum Creek Dr.

"Columbus is again partnering with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio to offer a quick, easy and free way for residents to rid their homes of household items that pose a danger to our communities, especially to children and pets," Guzmán said.

For information about the three household hazard waste drop-offs in Columbus, call 614-645-8774 or log on to <http://refuse.ci/columbus.oh.us/hazardous.htm> or www.SWACO.org